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PREFACE

In preparing for this publication each headstone was viewed and the inscription compared with inscriptions recorded in the booklet "Monumental Inscriptions in the Old Burial Ground at Rutland, Mass" by David Philips. Inscriptions were corrected, added or rewritten so that this publication would contain, as complete and correct as possible, a record of all the headstones in the Old Burial Ground. It is not expected that in it's preparation all mistakes have been avoided, but it is hoped that it contains as few as could be expected in this type of recording and transcribing. It is also possible that some inscriptions in this booklet may not be in the exact form or manner as found on the headstone.

The primary object of this booklet is to preserve a record of Rutland's early settlers final resting place, so that, as the old headstones become broken, illegible or destroyed, the original inscriptions will still be on record.

Secondly, it is hoped that through this publication a stronger citizen participation in preserving and keeping in repair "The Old Burial Ground" may develop. This Old Burial Ground should be a suitable memorial to Rutland's early settlers and their families and not an eyesore and disgrace.

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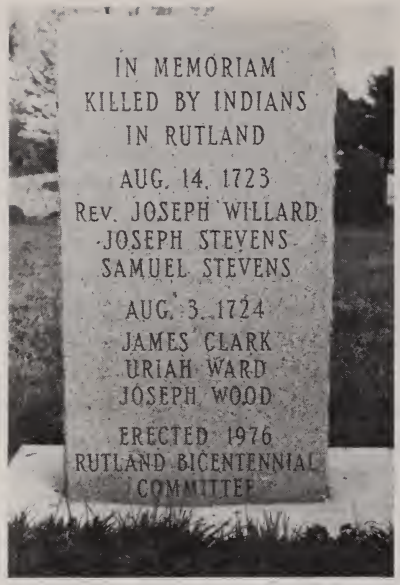
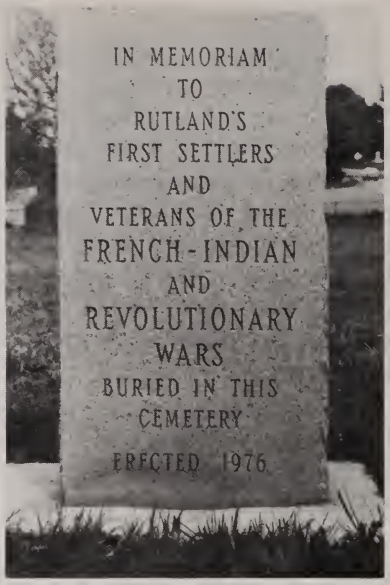
·It must be said that the greatest asset was the booklet "Monumental Inscriptions in the Old Cemetery at Rutland, Worcester County, Mass" edited by David E. Phillips. Without this booklet it would have been impossible to identify many stones as the weather, vandalism and age has caused some of them to be illegible.





This booklet is dedicated to Rutland's Early Settlers and their families, many of whom are interred in the Old Burial Ground. To those who died or were killed in settling Rutland, in the French-Indian War, in the American Revolution and to those who served in the Colonial Wars, we are most grateful.

In Memoriam
to
Rutland's
first settlers
and
veterans of the
French-Indian
and
Revolutionary
Wars
buried in this
cemetery
Erected 1976
(front side)

Killed or died
in service
not all interred here
French-Indian War
J. Phelps
I. Stone
Revolutionary War
R. Forbus Jr.
N. Laughton
T. Metcalf
W. Moore
A. Phelps
B. Reed
G. Smith
S. Stone Jr.
S. Stone 3rd
(reverse side)

In Memoriam
killed by Indians
in Rutland
Aug 14 1723
Rev Joseph Willard
Joseph Stevens
Samuel Stevens
Aug 3 1724
James Clark
Uriah Ward
Joseph Wood
Erected 1976
Rutland Bicentennial
Committee

Sacred
to the Memory of
DEAN ENOCH ADAMS
(formerly of Medfield)
who departed this life
July 9 1811.
aged 77.

Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shall return

Here lies ye Body
of MRS ABIGAIL BALL
Wife to Deacon ELEAZER
Ball who died Oct.
9th 1741 in ye 39th
year of her age.

In Memory of
MR. DANIEL BARTLETT
who died
Dec. 17th 1801
AEt. 83.

In Memory of
LEVI son of Mr.
Daniel Bartlett
& Mary his wife
Died Sept. 7th 1756
His age was 1 Year
11 Mos. & 16 Days.

In Memory of
ROXY BARTLETT
Dautr. of Mr. Adonijah
and Mrs. Ruth Bartlett
who died Oct. 24th
1801 Aged 4 years
1 months 10 days.

Here lies Buried ye
Body of Colonel William
ARBUTNATT* who died
January ye 16 1765
aged 38 years.

In Memory of
EDWARD H.
son of Jonathan and
Sarah B. Barney
of Boston who died
in Rutland Aug. 2
1826 AEt 22 Months

Suffer little Children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

In Memory of
HANNAH BARTLETT
Daugtr. of Mr. Levi
& Mrs. Sally Bartlett
who died
June 18th 1800*
aged 4 years

In Memory of
MRS. MARY BARTLETT
Widow of
Mr. Daniel Bartlett
who died
June 12 1825
Aet. 95.

Erected
In Memory of
MRS. PATTY BOICE
Wife of Mr. Thomas
Boice who died
April 30th 1810.
in the 40 year
of her age.

Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

Erected
In Memory of Miss
POLLY BRIDGE
Dautr of Mr. William and
Mrs. Mary Bridge
who died Jan. 2d 1800.
in ye 18th year of her age.

Her life was like a morning flower.
Cut down and withered in an hour.

DANIEL W.
son of
Mr. Moses and
Mrs. Sally Brooks
Died
Aug. 17, 1823.
AEt. 21.

Death with his dart, has perc'd my heart.
When I was in my prime;
When this you see, grieve not for me.
Twas Gods appointed time.

In Memory of
DEA. JONAS BROWN
who died
Oct. 21 1827
AEt. 63

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believers ear!
It sooths his sorrows heals his wounds
And drives away his fear

Erected
in Memory of
MR. WILLIAM BRIDGE
who died
Feb. 9th 1805
in the 64 year
of his age

MRS. HANNAH
Wife of
Dea. Jonas Brown
died
Oct. 16 1849
AEt. 86

Blessed are the dead
Who die in the Lord

In Memory of
Miss
LUCINDA BROWN
Daugr of
Dea. Jonas & Mrs. Hannah Brown
who died Dec., 6 1820;
AEt. 33

Now done with all below the sun
She shines before the highest throne
Her race was swift, her rest is sweet
Her views devine, her bliss complete
Her songs sublime her transports will
Her state eternal. God her all.

In Memory of
SAMUEL son of
Capt. Samuel
Brown* & Sarah
his wife died Sept.
10th 1756 aged
7 years &
2 Months

In Memory of
MR.
JAMES BROWNING
who died
July 20, 1820.
AEt. 52.

Erected
In Memory of
MISS MARTHA BROWN-
ING Daughter of
Mr. John & Mrs.
Sarah Browning
who died
Aug. 2, 1808.
AEt. 26*

Though the pale corpse is in the grave consigned
She leaves a pattern for her sex behind
The sun of virtue never can decay
It shines in time, and gives eternal day.

Erected
In Memory of
LIEUT SAMUEL BROWNING
who departed this Life
Oct. ye 23d 1783.
Aged 43 years
11 Months & 23 days.

Lo in the law Jehovah dwels
But Jesus is concel'd
Whereas the gospel's nothing else
But Jesus Christ reveal'd.

Here lies the body of
MR. TRUSTRUM BROWNING
who was born in
Rutland Septemr 22nd
1 7 2 9
and died Janry, 6th
1755 in the 25
year of his age.

Here lyes the body
of MR. JAMES BROWNING
who received his Birth
and Education in Scotland
and spent the last of
His days in this Town.
He departed this life
Feby, 3rd 1749.
Aged 77

Erected
In Memory of
MR. JOHN BROWNING
who Died
April 12th 1812

Farewell My Wife and Children dear
This worlds no more my rest
In heaven I hope to meet you where
God's saints are ever blest.

Erected
In Memory of
MRS. NABBY BROWNING
Wife of
Mr. James Browning
who died
May 22. 1804.
AEt. 30.

Thou dear departed Soul adieu
Thy lifeless clay must here remain
Till Christ this body shall renew
Then both with Joy shall meet again.

In Memory of
MISS SARAH BROWNING
Wife of
Mr. John Browning
who departed this life
Dec. 6. 1800.
AEt. 61

In Memory of WATSON BROWNING
son of Mr. James & Mrs.
Nabby Browning
who died
Sept. 2. 1805
AEt 6y. 5M. & 15 d.

In Memory of
WILLARD BROWN-
ING, son of Mr. James
& Mrs. Nabby Browning
who Died
Sept 13th 1805
AEt. 2y. 4M. & 8 d.

In Memory of
MRS. BETSY
Relict of
Isaac Bryant
who died
Jan. 2. 1845.
AEt. 78.

In Memory of MRS.
ELIZABETH DAR of Revd Jos
Buckminster & Mrs. Lucy His
Wife an agreable person who
died March '75 aged 17 years
also of 3 other of their children
Joseph age 9 months Wms Stod
dard aged 4 months x x
x x x x x x x x x x x x

ALFRED P.
son of
Dea. Benjaman &
Mrs. Polly S. Buss
Died March 1. 1829.
AEt. 5 years & 3 Mts.

So fades the lovely, blooming flower,
Frail smiling solace of an hour;
So soon our transient comforts fly,
And pleasure only blooms to die.

LIEUT
W. BROWNING

In Memory of
MR. ISAAC
BRYANT—
who died
June 4 1836.
AEt. 74.

In memory of the
REV. JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER†
for more than 50 years Pastor of
the church in Rutland, who departed
this life Nov. 3d 1792; in the 73d
year of his age. He was distinguished
for intellectual ability and ministerial
fidelity and zeal and endured for a
long time the distresses of a cancerous
complaint, which finally terminated
his days.

This grave contains all that could die
His spirit dwells with God on high.

In Memory of
JAMES BYRAN son to
Mr. Patrick Byran
& Mrs. Margret
his wife
He died
June ye 11th 1774
in the 5 year of his age.

Here lies Buried ye
BODY OF Mr. Daniel
Campbell Born JN
Scotland Came into
New England anno 1716
Was murderd on his own
farm in Rutland
By Ed. Fitzpatrick an
Irishman on March
ye 8th anno dm 1744

in ye 48 year
of his age

Man knoweth
not his time.

In Memory of
MRS. POLLY
wife of Mr.
Ebenezer Chamberlain
who died
Nov. 7. 1830.
AEt. 52.

In Memory of
MR. EPHRAIM
CHURCH who
died Sept. ye 25
1775 in the 61
year of his
Age.

Far from this world of Toil and Strife
They are present with the Lord
The labours of their mortal life
End in a large reward.

In Memory of Mrs.
SARAH CLAP Wife of
Majr Daniel Clap
Who Died August ye 23
A. D. 1776 Which
Day Just concluded
the 34th year
of her age.

In Memory of
MR. EBENEZER
CHAMBERLAIN
who died
Aug. 22 1830
AEt. 56.

In Memory of
ANNA CHILD, Daughr
of Mr. Agiathar & Mrs.
Sarah Child who died
Jan. 26 1800 in the
11 year of her age.

Her life was like a morning flower
Cut down and withered in an hour.

In Memory of
SILAS CHURCH
son of Mr.
Ephraim Church
& Sarah his wife
Died Janry 13th 1759.
in ye 12 year his
age

SYDENHAM
Died Aug. 21st 1823.
AEt. 6 years.
NANCY SUMNER
died Aug. 29th 1823.
AEt. 20 Months
Children of the Rev. Josiah
Clarke and his Wife Asenath.

And he took them in his arms
And blessed them.

NANCY PARSONS
died at Leicester
March 26. 1813 AEt, 7 Ms.
CHARLES CHAUNCY
died Febr. 9. 1820.
AEt. 15 M
Children of the Rev. Josiah
& Mrs. Asenath Clarke

Suffer little children to come unto me
for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Erected
In Memory of
MRS. MARGARET COWDIN
Wife of Mr. Samuel Cowdin
who departed this life
Janr 25th 1792 in the
54th year of her age.

How lov'd or valu'd now avails me not,
By whom lamented or by whom forgot,
A little dust is all remains of me,
Tis all I am and all you soon must be.

Here lyes the body of
SAMUEL son of Mr.
Samuel Cowden &
Margrat his wife who
died Octr. 4th 1777
in ye 8th year of his age.

Youth think on death.

In Memory of Mrs.
AGNES CRAWFORD
wife of Mr. Aaron
Crawford who
departed this
life December 10.
1760
aged 82 years.

In Memory of
MR. JAMES CUNNINGHAM
who died Feb'y 20th
1786 aged 73 years
He was born in Ireland in the
County of Dary & came to
New England
1737.

Here lies ye Body of
NATHAN COLLER son of
Mr. Archabel & Mrs. Margaret
Coller who died Sept. 23
1748 in ye 19th year of his age

In Memory of their son John Coller who died at Cape Breton Feb'y 18th 1746 in his 22 year.

Erected
In Memory of
MR. SAMUEL COWDIN
who died

Nov. 10. 1812
in the 86 year
of his age.

Farewell my friends and Children dear.
To a kind parents voice give ear,
Speaking as you are passing by,
Prepare for death for you must die.

In
Memory of
MR. AARON CRAWFORD
who died Aug. 6th
1754. aged 77 years.

Make use of present time
Because you must
Take up your lodging
Shortly in the dust.

Here is Buried ye
Body of MR. SAMUEL
CRAWFORD* who
departed this
Life Oct. 17th
1760 aged 55 years.

In Memory of
MRS. ASENETH
wife of
Mr. Thomas Davis
who died
Sept. 2. 1826.
AEt. 35*

Here lies buried the body of Mrs.
HANNAH DAVIS Widow of Mr.
Simon Davis* who died
with the Small Pox Janr.
ye 7. 1761 in the 47
year of her age

I Cor. XV. 55. O Death where is thy sting
O Grave where is thy victory.

In
Memory of
MRS. MARY DAVIS
widow of
Mr. Peter Davis
who died
July 23, 1825.
AEt. 87.

In Memory of
MR. PHINEHAS DAVIS
son of Capt. Peter Davis
& Mrs. Rebecca his
Wife. he Decd
January 1771 in the
35 year of his age.

In Memory of
MRS. REBEKAH
wife of
Coln. Samuel Davis
who died
Oct. 9, 1829,
AEt. 85.

In Memory of
MRS. BETSEY
wife of
Mr. Isaac Davis
who died
Dec. 10. 1824
AEt. 43.

When God doth call we must go
And leave our friends in tears below.

In Memory of
Mr.
ISAAC DAVIS
who died
March 26, 1833.
AEt. 53.

Farewell vain world, I am gone home;
My Saviour smil'd and bid me come
Bright Angels carried me away
To sing Gods praise in endless day.

Erected
In Memory of Lieut.
PETER DAVIS‡
who died
Jan. 2d 1780 in the 49th
year of his age.
Also Ten Children of
Peter & Mary Davis.

Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

In Memory of Mrs.
REBECCA DAVIS the Wife
of Capt. Peter Davis.
She decr March 3d
1774 in ye 62d year
of her age.

In Memory of
COL. SAMUEL DAVIS
who died
Dec. 29, 1799
aged 53 years.
& for a number of years
was a Deacon of the
Church & was
esteemed by his
acquaintances.

In Memory of
Mr.
SILAS DAVIS
who died
May 19. 1837
in his 61 year

Prepare to meet thy God.

Here lies buried the
body of SIMON son
of SIMON DAVIS and
Hannah his Wife who
died Decr ye 28, 1760.
in the 13 year of
his age.

ALPHEUS
Died April 16. 1808.
aged 6 years & 4 Ms.
SALLY H.
Died Aug. 11. 1813.
Aged 5 years.
Children of Daniel
& Hannah Demond

In Memory of
ELIZABETH SMITH
Daughter of
Mr. Joseph &
Mrs. Mary Demond
who died
Sept. 7. 1826
aged 17 Months & 15 days

In Memory of
MRS. HARRIET DEMOND
wife of
Mr. Charles Demond
& Daughter of
Col. Andrew &
Mrs. Submit Smith
who died
August 6 1826
aged 22 years 3 M.
& 9 days.

We mourn departed worth.

Here lies buried the
body of MR. SIMON
DAVIS who died on
April ye 9th 1754 in the
41st year of his age

**I Cor. XV. 55 O Death where is thy sting,
O Grave where is thy
victory**

WILLIAMS M.
son of Williams &
Elizabeth Dean
Died
Sept. 1. 1800.
AEt. 3 ys. & 5 Ms.

Erected
to the Memory of
Capt. ELIJAH DEMOND
who died
August 18 1825.
aged 86.

In Memory of GEORGE
son of
Joseph &
Mary Demond
who died July 29, 1833.
aged 9 Months & 13 days.

In Memory of
JOSEPH E. DEMOND
son of Mr. Joseph &
Mrs. Mary Demond
who died Sept. 5. 1831.
aged 4 years & 4 days.

In Memory of
Mrs.
LUCY DAMOND
wife of
Capt. Elijah Damond
who died
Aug. 6. 1819. AEt. 76.

Our Mother
ABIGAIL R. ESTABROOK
died July 9 1860
AEt. 82 yrs. 9 Ms.

**Here in God's care await O precious dust
The Joyful resurrection of the Just.**

In memory of
MR. DANIEL ESTABROOK
who died
Sept. 11 1816
in the 75 yr
of his age

**Draw near my friends & take thought
How soon a grave may be your lot
Make sure of Christ while life remain
And death will be eternal gain.**

Sacred
to the Memory of
MRS. HANNAH ESTABROOK
wife of Mr. Daniel Estabrook
who died August 5 1775
Aetatis 62

**Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord.**

PERSIS
Relict of
Daniel Estabrook
died
Dec 25 1828
Aged 86.

In Memory of Mr. Jonas
DUNCAN, son to Mr. Simeon
Duncan, he Decd August ye 3d
1773 in the 30th year
of his age.

In Memory of Miss Mehetebel
WRIGHT, Who Decd Sept. ye 10th
1773 in the 23 year
of her age.

**They publishd ware
Marriage desind in heaven
Before the Mariag day
Death threw his fatal dart.**

Sacred
to the memory of
MR. DANIEL ESTABROOK*
who died August 21 1799
Aetatis 94

**Down in this dark and silent bed
The stroke of death hath laid my head
Gods trump shall sound I hope to rise
And meet my Savior in the skies.**

In
Memory of
Mrs.
ELIZABETH ESTABROOK
wife of
Mr. Jedediah Estabrook
who died
July 8, 1823
AEt 53

Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are
While on his breast I lean my head
And breathe my life out sweetly there

JEDEDIAH
ESTABROOK
died
Feb. 5 1845
Aged 77

In Memory of
SAMUEL son of Mr.
Daniel Estabrook *
& Mrs. Perses his
Wife. He decd
March ye 14th 1775
Aged 3 years &
7 Months.

In memory of
SILAS son of Mr.
Daniel Estabrook
& Mrs.
Persis his wife he decd
Nov ye 5 1771 aged 3
years & 5 months

Memento Mori
Sacred
to the memory of the
HON. JOHN FESSENDEN ESQ.
who departed this life
April 14th 1793
aged 64 years.

In the cold mansions of the silent tomb,
How still the solituae! how deep the gloom!
Here sleeps the dust unconscious close confined
But far, far, distant dwels the immortal mind.

JACOB FISK.
Died
Feb. 13. 1848.
AEt. 85.

In Memory of AME
Daughter to Capt Jonathan
Fletcher & Mrs. Mary his
Wife. She died Sept. ye 10th
1756 Aged
2 years &
7 Months.

Erected
In Memory of Mrs.
JANE FLETCHER
who departed this life
March 10th 1801
Aged 83 years.

Here lies Buried
ye Body of Mr.
SKELTON FELTON
who departed
this life
April ye 18th
A. D. 1749.
Aged 67 years.
5 M. & 12 Ds.

In Memory of two
Children of JOHN
FESSENDEN Esq.
& Mrs Elisabeth
his wife.
THOMAS died Augst
11th 1779 aged 3 days.
RELIEF died Janry
1st 1784 aged 3 years
and 18 days.

"Our Lord Jesus Christ
has said that" of such
is the kingdom of Heaven.

Memento Mori
Erected
In Memory of Docr
ALPHEUS FLETCHER
who departed this life
June ye 12th 1766.
In ye 35 year
of his age.

Memento Mori
Erected
In Memory of Doc.
HEZEKIAH FLETCHER
who departed this life
Jan. ye 22d* 1754
in ye 49th year of
his age.

Erected
In Memory of Dean
JOHN FLETCHER
who departed this life
Jany 30th 1792 in
the 74 year of his age.

Behold my friends, in me you all may see
An emblem of what you ere long must be
Remember you like me was form'd of dust
And with the Earth unite again you must.

In Memory of Mrs.
MARY FLETCHER
the wife of Capt. Jonathan
Fletcher. She died Sept ye 13
1756 aged 26 years.
HARRISON
Died Sept. 18. 1823.
aged 2 years.
LOUISA HARRISON.
Died July 21. 1838.
Aged 11 years
Son and Daughter of
George S. &
Joann Flint.*

Dea.
TILLY FLINT
died
Feb. 23, 1842
AEt 83

Blessed are the peace makers

In Memory of
MRS. MARY FORBUS
Wife of Lieu
Robert Forbus
who decd Janry
23d 1776 aged
53 years

Sacred to the Memory of
REV. LUKE BALDWIN FOSTER
who died 23 May 1817
in the 28 year of his age
and the 5th of his Ministry
Pastor of the Church in Rutland†

Hear what the voice from heav'n proclaims
For all the pious dead
Sweat is the savior of their name
And soft their sleeping bed.

Also FANNY FIDELIA
Daughter of Rev. L.B. & Eunice
Foster died Aug. 22 1817.
aged 3 years and 5 Ms.

In Memory of
two sons & an only
Daughter of Tilly Flint esq.
& Ruthy his wife who
departed this life on the
6th & 7th of Sept. 1813
TRACY aet. 17
CATHERINE aet. 8
FRANCIS B. FLINT aet 5

Why do we mourn departed friends
Or shake at death's alarm
Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to his arms

In Memory of
MRS. RUTH
Wife of Tilly Flint Esq.
who died
July 22, 1826
AEt. 58

Farewell my best beloved friend
The comfort of my heart
And may we meet in realms of bliss
Never again to part.

Erected
In Memory of Lieut.
ROBERT FORBES
who deceased
Feb. 17th 1799
Aged 80 years.

In Memory of
ISABEL FRINK third
Daughter of Doct
John Frink* & Mrs
Elisabeth his wife
who departed this life
for a better Decr ye 24th
A.D. 1786 in ye 21st year
of Her age.

My youthful days cut short by thee
And lengthened to eternity
And all that in Jehovah die
Shall live with Christ eternally.

In Memory of Mrs.
LUCY FRINK the
Amiable Consort of
Doct. John Frink Junr
who died June ye 20th
A.D. 1788 aged 27 years
9 Months & 20 days.
Likewise
SAMUEL their son died June ye
1 A.D. 1788, aged 6 Days.

Farewell to my best beloved friend
Whose virtuous deeds adorned her life:
Beloved by those she left behind.

Erected
In Memory of
MRS. RUTH FROST
wife of Mr. Ebenezer Frost
who died
July 20 1821.
AEt 89.

In Memory
of DAVID GATES
Son of Mr Stephen
& Mrs. Damaris
Gates who was born
Aug 23th 1750
Died May 20th
1759.

Erected
In Memory of Mrs.
HANNAH GATES
Wife of Mr. Zadock
Gates who died March
30th 1800 Aged 35 years
years
and 3 days

In
Memory of
Mr.
SAMUEL GATES
who died
Febr. 19. 1803
AEt. 78.

In Memory of
Revd. and Learned
THOMAS FRINK the First
Settled Minister in Rutland
who departed this life
for a better on the 21st Day
of Augst 1777 in the
73 year of his age

In
Memory of
Mrs.
ABIGAIL GATES
widow of
Mr. Samuel Gates
who died
Sept. 26. 1820
AEt. 94.

Erected
In Memory of
MRS. DAMARIS GATES
wife of Capt. Stephen
Gates who died
Dec. 3d 1809.
AEt. 84.

In Memory of
HANNAH METCALF
Daughter of Zadock
Esq, & Mrs. Emilia
Gates who died
April 13th 1810.
AEt. 7 years & 12 d.

Erected
In Memory of
CAPT. STEPHEN GATES
who died
Oct. 5th 1773
AEt. 55.

ZADOCK GATES Esq.
Born Aug 5. 1760
Died Dec. 14. 1821.

Erected
In Memory of
MR. JUSHUA GOODELE
who died
April 1st 1807
in the 40 year
of his age.

How vain and transient are the charmes
Of every earthly view;
Cold death has clasp'd me in his arms
Farewell my friends, Adieu.

Erected
In Memory of Miss
DOLLY GRAHAM
Dautr. of Mr. Alexander
and Mrs. Margaret Gra
ham who died Sept. 25th
1792 in her 17th year.

Stop here young friends, see where I lie,
Remember you are born to die,
Prepare for death and follow me
Into a long eternity.

In Memory of
MISS MARY P.
Daughter of Mr.
Benjamin & Mrs.
Mary Hammond
who died Sept. 26.
1833* AEt. 30.

The saints who now in Jesus sleep
His own almighty power shall keep
Till dawns the bright illustrious day
When death itself shall die away.

Erected
In Memory of
MRS. SARAH HARDY
wife of
Capt. Dudley Hardy
who died
Decr. 22. 1794
in the 44 year of
her age.

Forbear my friends and cease to weep
My body in the grave must sleep
Till Christ my Saviour bids it soar
Then it shall rise to sleep no more.

Erected
In Memory of
MR. JOHN GOODELL
who died
May 25 1824
AEt. 58.

Memento Mori
In Memory of
MR ALEXANDER
GRAHAM* who
died March ye
29th A.D. 1776
in the 47 year
of his age.

In Memory of Mr.
PATRICK GREGORY
who was born
in the Parish of
Iver in the County
of Donagall &
Kingdon of Ireland. He
Died July 5th 1756
aged 63 years.

Sacred
To the Memory of
MR. WILLIAM H.
HAMMOND
who was drowned
July 5th 1825.
AEt. 31.

How lov'd, how valu'd, once avails thee not,
To whom related, or by whom begot,
A heap of dust alone remains to thee,
Tis all thou art, and all Proud shall be.

In Memory of MRS. ELISABETH
HEALD the widow of Deacon
of Acton
John Heald* she dec'd
October ye 12th
1776 in the 76th year of
her age

Corruption, Earth, and Wormes,
Shall but refine this flesh;
Till my triumphant spirit comes,
To put it on a fresh.

Erected
In Memory of Mr.
SIMON HEALD
who departed this life
June 7th 1800 in the
76th year of his age.

Death thou hast conquer'd me
I by thy dart am slain
But Christ hath conquer'd thee
And I shall rise again.

In Memory of
the 2d CHARLES son of
Mr. William Henry
& Mrs. Susannah
his wife who died
Decr 7th 1797 aged
6 months & 21 days

Sleep on sweet babe and take thy rest
God calls thee home he saw it
best.

In Memory of
ELISABETH HENRY
Daughter of
Mr Wm Henry
& Mrs. Susannah his wife
Born April 26 1786
Died May 10th 1786

In Memory of
MR. JOHNSON HENRY
who died
May 23, 1826
AEt. 53 ys. 2 mo. 23 ds.

Farewell my wife, Farewell my children dear,
Thou whom there's nought on earth that
temps thee
Hope, brilliant charms, illumes the vale so
dear
Through which we pass to realms of lasting
day.

In memory of
MR. WILLIAM HENRY
who died
July 12 1827
AEt. 50

In
Memory of
CHARLES HENRY
Son of
Mr William &
Mrs. Susannah Hen
ry born May 1st 1791
Died March 10th 1795

In Memory of
ELISABETH HENRY
Daughter of
Mr. William Henry
& Mrs. Susannah
his wife
born May 2. 1783
Died March 16th
1785.

In Memory of
JOHN HENRY
Son of
Mr Wm Henry
& Mrs Susannah
his Wife
Born June 24th 1779
Died Nov 2d 1781

In Memory of
SAMUEL HENRY
Son of Mr William
Henry* & Mrs Susannah
his wife
born April 7th
1773 & died
March 8th 1775

In Memory of
MISS JOE HERRING
who died
July 14. 1813
AEt 35

Erected
In memory of Mr.
JOSHUA HOMER
who died suddenly
Nov 30th 1804
In the 22nd year
of his age

In Memory of
MISS ABIGAIL
Daugh of Jonas How Esq.
& Mrs. Hannah B. his Wife
who died
Dec. 19. 1825 AEt. 21.

Forgive sweet shade the tributary tear
That mourns thy exit from a world like this
Forgive the wish that would have kept thee
here
And stayed the progress to a seat of bliss.

Erected
In memory of
MR. DAVID HOW*
who died May 5th 1802
Aged 55 years
also two Children of Mr.
David and Mrs. Martha
How, Peaboddy Died
Dec. 9th 1801 aged 21 years

Soon shall I quit this mortal shore
And Jesus stand my friend
My nights of grief shall all be o'er
And all my labours end

Dolley died April 21st 1798
Aged 1 year 8 months & 11 days

In Memory of
EDWIN REED
Son of Mr. Jonathan
& Mrs. Susanah How
who died
Oct. 1813
AE. 1 y. & 5 Mo.

So fades the lovely, blooming flower,
Frail smiling solace of an hour.

In Memory of
ELIJAH STONE HOOKER
son of Mr. Samuel
Mrs. Abagail Hooker
who died Feb. 1st 1807
AE 4 years 1 m. 16 D.

So soon our transient comforts fly
And pleasure only blooms to die.

In Memory of
AVALINA MALISSA
Daur. of Mr. Jonathan & Mrs.
Susannah Howe who died
Nov. 14 1814
AEt. 7m 6d

lie here dear babe to rest awhile
and may your soul in heaven smile

Here lies ye body of
MRS EUNICE HOW wife
of Lieut Moses How who
died Septm 27, 1741 age
40 years 1 M with 3
of their daflrs at
her left hand. Eldest
SARAH HOW who died
August 6th age 19 yers 4 m
ANNE HOW ye 3 died
Octr 28th Age 12 years
ELIZABETH HOW ye 4th
Died Octobr ye 10th
age 5 years 4m

Erected
In Memory of
GEORGE AUGUSTUS
son of
Jonas How Esq. &
Mrs. Hannah B. his Wife
who died Novr 22. 1813
AE 20 months

Man cometh forth like a flower & is cut down

Erected
In Memory of Mrs
HEPHZIBAH HOW
wife of Dean Jonas How
who departed this life
March 28th 1789
Aged 39 years &
3 months

Draw near my friends & take a thought
How soon a grave must be your lot
Make sure of Christ while life remains
And death will be eternal gain.

Erected
In Memory of Mrs
HANNAH HOW
Relict of Moses How Esq
who departed this life
June ye 7th, 1762 in ye
61st year of her age

Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now, so once was I
As I am now soon you must be
Prepare for death & follow me.

Here lyes the Body
of ISRAEL HOW son
to Mr. Israel and
Mrs. Elizabeth How
Died June ye 13. 1745
in the 4th year of his age

Erected
In memory of
JONAS HOW ESQR
who died
June 22, 1813
AEt 69 yrs 9 m

He was a Deacon of the Church in Rutland about 40 years was highly distinguished for his uniform & constant support of religion & usefulness in the town. "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

Erected
In Memory of
JONAS HOW Esq.
who died
Novr 16. 1822
AEt 51.

Memento Mori
In Memory of
MR. JONATHAN HOW*
who departed this life
Octr ye 7th 1787
AEt. 42 years

Where is the man who draws his breath
Safe from disease, secure from death

LUCY F. HOW
Daugt of
Jonas How Esq. &
Mrs. Hannah B. his Wife
Died Octr 16 1817.
AEt. 2 ys. & 9 mos.

Here lies interred the
Body of MOSES HOW ESQR
Born at Sudbury Augt 27th
A.D. 1695 Departed this
Life at Rutland Febry 16th
A.D. 1749: 50 In the
55th year of his age

I Corinth XV: V 55
O Death where is thy sting
O Grave where is thy victory

In Memory of
JONAS H.
son of Jonas How Esq.
& Mrs Hannah B. his Wife
who was drowned
July 5th 1825 AEt. 17.

For Him, to sad remembrance dear
Affection lingers round the tomb
And while it sheds the sorrowing tear
In silence mourns his early doom.

In Memory of
MRS. LUCY HOW
Relict of Mr. Jonathan
How who died
July 20 1814
AEt 56

Erected In Memory of
LUCY FLETCHER
Daughter of
Jonas How Esqr. &
Mrs. Hannah B. his
wife who died
March 2 1814.
AE 8 years.

In Memory of
MISS SALLY HOW
who died
Jan. 15 1826
AEt. 81

Erected
In memory of Mrs
SARAH HOW Wife of
Lieut Calvin How who
died March 24th 1800
in ye 24th year of her age

Retire my friends dry up your tears
Here I must lie till Christ appears

In Memory of
AVALINIA MALISSA
Daughter of Mr. Wm.
Hubbard who died
Aug. 29 1813.
AEt. 1 year & 4 Mo.

So fades the lovely Blooming flower
Frail smiling solace of the hour.

JOEL HUBBARD
Died
Jan. 9, 1853.
AE. 94.

MRS. LUCY
wife of
Mr. Joel Hubbard
Died Oct. 11, 1832
aged 75 years

LYMAN
died March 6, 1807.
aged 10 years.

SAMUEL
died March 18, 1825.
aged 25 years.

CALVIN
died Nov. 7, 1833.
aged 41 years.

COOLEDGE
died Sept 5, 1841.
aged 40 years.

Sons of Mr. Joel & Mrs. Lucy Hubbard.

In Memory of
MISS SARAH HOWE
Daut. of Mr. David
& Mrs. Martha Howe
died
Sept. 26. 1814
AEt. 27

O youth beware, and do prepare
To meet that monster death
For he may come when you are young
And take away your breath

Erected
In memory of
MRS. HANNAH HUBBARD
wife of
Wm Hubbard
who died Sept 5 1813
AEt 26

MR. JONATHAN
HUBBARD
Died
Aug. 11. 1835.
AEt. 83.

In Memory of
MRS. OLIVE HUBBARD
wife of
Mr. William Hubbard
Died Feb. 24, 1863.
aged 74 years.

POLY HUBBARD
Died
Oct. 6. 1839.
AEt. 54.

MR. WILLIAM
HUBBARD
Died
Sept. 16 1837.
AEt. 58.

In Memory of
the widow MARY HUMPHREY*
2nd daugr of the
Rev. Thomas Frink
who died June 13. 1791.
in the 58 year
of her
age

Erected
In memory of
MR. CALVIN KING
who died
May 20, 1812.
AEt. 25.

Few are our days those few we dream away
Sure is our fate to moulder in the clay
Rise immortal soul above thine earthly fate
Time yet is thine but soon it is too late

MRS. VASHTI
wife of Mr.
Jonathan Hubbard.
Died
Feb. 28. 1837.
AEt. 80
WM. H. HUBBARD
died
July 21. 1853.
aged 35 yrs.

How sacred the spot that is laid to his rest
A Husband & Father be his memory blest
Tho silent in death he speaks to us yet
His kindness and counsel may we never forget.

In Memory of
MRS. BETSEY KING
Wife of
Capt. Joseph King &
Daughter of
Dea Jonas Brown
who died
Jan. 3. 1826.
AEt. 36.

Her course is run — her spirit fled
She joins the mansions of the dead
She now lies cold, but still her soul
Will live till ages cease to roll.

Mento Mori
In Memory of Mr
DANIEL KING Who
Decd Novemr ye 18th
1 7 7 3
Aged 24 years
9 months &
18 days

Erected
In Memory of
MR. JOSEPH KING
who died
Sept 25th 1807
AE 55 years

Friend and physicians could not save
This mortal body from the grave
How can the grave confine it here
When Christ shall call it to appear

In
Memory of
MRS. MARY KING
Wife of
Mr. Joseph King
who died
Nov. 18th 1797
in ye 46 yr
of her age.

WILLIAM P.
Son of
Capt. Joseph &
Mrs. Sally A. King
Died April
5. 1832
AEt. 4.

Erected
In Memory of
MRS. LUCY WILLIAMS KING
wife of Lieut. Joseph King
& Daut. of Capt. Barzillai Miles
who died
May 20, 1814
AEt 22.

Removed from all the pains and cares of life
Here rests the pleasing friend and faithful wife
Ennobled by the virtues of her mind
Constant to good and to death resigned.

SARAH R. KING
dau'r of Capt. Joseph King &
Mrs. Lucy his wife
died Sept. 29. 1821,
aet. 8 years.

Sweet child no more but seraph now
Before the throne behold her bow
Her soul enlarged to angels' size
Joins in the triumphs of the skies.

Erected
In memory of
MR. WILLIAM PUTNAM KING
Who died
May 26.* 1810
AEt. 25.

Life is a span a fleeting hour
How soon the vapour flies
Man is a tender transient flower
That even in blooming dies.

Erected
In Memory of
Doctor
JAMES McFARLAND
who died
Nov. 29. 1823.
AEt. 41.

WILLIAM JONES
son of
Doc James McFarland
and Mrs. Polly his wife
died Sept 28. 1825
AEt. 17 ms & 10 ds.

Sept 29
JEREMI
AH
MAN
Dec. 1740

In memory of
ELIAS MARSH
son of
Mr. Joseph & Mrs.
Polly Marsh
who died
Feb 15 1822
Aged 7 years 10 M
& 15 days

In memory of
two Daughters of
Doctor James and
Mrs. Polly McFarland
SARAH WOODS died
Octr. 11. 1818 AEt. 11 ms
ADELINE died Octr. 2
1821. AEt. 6 weeks.

In Memory of Mr.
JOHN McINTIER who was
Born in the parish of
Killemoon in the county
of Tyrone & Kingdon
of Ireland. He spent
the last of his days
in New England and
departed this life
May 26th 1759 aged
91 years.

CHARLES E.
Son of Joseph and Polly Marsh
Died April 8, 1832
AEt 20 Ms.

Deacon
JOSEPH MARSH
Died
Sept • 30 • 1842
Aged 56 years

Blessed are the dead
Who die in the Lord

JOSEPH EMERSON
Son of
Dea. Joseph &
Polly Marsh
Died Jan. 10. 1845
Aged 20 years

Here lise bured the body
of WILLIAM MARTIN JUR
Aged 1 yr 10 m Sept 5 1749

In Memory of Mrs.
ABIGAIL MEAD Wife
of Mr. Benjamin Mead*
who died June ye
12th A.D. 1764 in ye
39 year of her
Age.

In
Memory of
Mrs.
ELIZABETH MEAD
wife of Mr. Benjamin Mead
who died May 18 1822
aged 61.

Can reason's dictates be obeyed
So weak alas, her strongest aid
O let religion then be nigh
Her consolation is never die.

POLLY MARSH
Relict of
Dea. Joseph Marsh
Died Jan. 1. 1852
Aged 63 years.

That they may rest from their labors
And their works follow them.

In
Memory of
MR. HENRY MAYNARD
who died
Febr 18 1822
AEt 33

Behold the spirit of the just
Ascends to God on high
And while the body sleeps in dust
The soul shall never die

Here lies ye
body of BENIAMIN
MEAD son of Mr.
Benia & Mrs
Abigail Mead, Died
Feb. ye 22, 1753.
Age 3 years 6
M. & 26 Ds.

In Memory of
MRS. POLLY MEAD
wife of Lieut. William Mead
who died
Feb. 5 1816
AEt 23.

Her soul retires from sense refines from sin
While the descending glory wrought within
Then in a sacred calm resign'd her breath
And as her eyelids clos'd she smil'd in death

BENJAMIN MEADE*
Died
March 16, 1852
aged 92 years.

In Memory of Capt.
BENJAMIN MILES Who
Dec'd January ye 28th
1776 In the 52d
year of his age.

A kind husband and tender parent.

Reader behold as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

Here lies ye
Body of SUSANNA
MEAD Dautr of Mr.
Beniamin & Mrs.
Abigail Mead who
Died Novmbr ye
26. 1753 Age
2 years 4 M
and 7 days.

Capt.
BARZILLAI MILES
died March 6. 1856.
aged 92 years 11 Mos.
& 12 days.

At Rest with God.

CHARLES
Son of Mr. Ebenezer
& Mrs. Molly Miles
Died July 21. 1798
aged 3 months
& 7 days.

Man Cometh Forth like
A Flower and is cut down.

In Memory of
MR. EBENEZER MILES
who died
Apr. 8. 1827.
AEt. 69.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Til the last trumpet's Joyful sound
Then burst the chains with sweet supprise
And in my Saviour's image rise.

HEPHSA H.
daughter of Ebenezer
& Molly Miles
died Sept. 27 1852.
aged 66 years.

MOLLY MILES
relict of
EBENEZER MILES
died Jan 17. 1851.
aged 87 years.

In Memory of
MRS. SARAH MILES
wife of Capt. Barzillai Miles
& daugr. of Capt. Thos. & Mrs. Hannah
Read died Sept. 5. 1804.
AEt. 35.

Forbear my Friends & cease to weap
My body in this grave must sleep
Till Christ my saviour bids it soar
Then it shall rise to sleep no more

GEORGE H.
son of
Mr. Ebenezer H. &
Mrs. Roxana Miles
died Oct. 28. 1829.
AEt. 6 years.

Friends nor physicians could not save
This mortal body from the grave

JOSIAH E.
son of Mr. Ebenezer H.
& Mrs. Roxana Miles
Died March 28. 1831
AEt. 5 Ms. & 17 Ds.

The cold, cold grave enshrouds thee now, my child
My beautifull! and tears, and mourning are
Like words upon a cenotaph to tell
How in thy Mothers breast thou art enshrined.
Spotless and sinless to thy Saviours arms
Unsullied nestling! thou hast upwards flown
And I am lonely, rest and desolate.

In Memory of
POLLY Daughter of
Mr. Ebenezer & Mrs.
Molly Miles who died
March 10. 1809 AEt. 9 yrs.
Also ADIN H. MILES
died Feb. 10. 1809
AEt 3 hours.

In
Memory of
MRS. SARAH
wife of Capt.
Barzillia Miles
who died
July 7. 1835.
AEt. 64.

In hope of eternal life.

THOMAS B.*
son of
Barzillai Miles
Died Mar. 6 1854.
AEt. 53 years.

Erected
In Memory of
MRS. HANNAH MOORE*
wife of Lieut. Paul Moore
who departed this life
Septr. 9th 1791 Aged
74 years

Why should we start or fear to die
Death is the gate to endless joy
Each pious soul, it waits above
To dwell with Christ in endless love

MICAH MOORE
Aged 17 who dyed
Sept 6* 1749
At his left hand
Lies Abigail Moore
Who dyed Sept. 7. 1749
9 9m. 7

Erected
In Memory of
Mrs. Levinia Munr
o
Wife of Mr. Benjamin
Munro who died
Oct. 4th 1794.
AEt. 36.

In Memory of
CHARLS MIRICK
Son of Mr. Silas & Mrs.
Mirick who
died Aug 30th
1805 aged
2 years

Here lies Buried
ye Body of MERCY
MOORE Daur. of
Paul Moore &
Hannah his wife
died Sept 6. 1756.
aged 17 years 10 Mo. 3 days

In Memory of
TILLY son of
Paul Moore &
Hannah his wife
died Sept. 11th
1 7 5 6
his age was 8
months & 4 ds.

Erected
In Memory of MR.
BENJAMIN MUNROE
who died March
17th 1797 in
the 42d year of his
age.

ELIZABETH McCLANATHAN
wife of
John Murray Esq.
died 1760.

LUCRETIA CHANDLER,
wife of
John Murray Esq.
Died March 21,
1768

MARY died March
30 1824 AEt. 2 ds.

SARAH died Aug
24 1826 AEt. 4 MS

ALPHA B. died Oct.
22 1828 AEt. 2 Ms.

Children
Capt. Sardine & Mrs.
Catharine Muzzy.

In Memory of
CHARLES B.
only son of
Mr. Charles L. and
Mrs. Sophia Newton
who died
May 17 1832
AEt. 12 yr. & 3 Ms.

We mourn ye departed worth.

In Memory of
JOHN MURRAY son
to John Murray Esqr.
and Elizabeth his wife
who died Octr. 7th 1756
in the 13th year of his age.

In Memory of
ROBERT MURRAY son
to John Murray Esqr.
and Elizabeth his wife
who died Septr. 20th 1756
in the 9th year of his age.

In Memory of Mr.
ASA NEWTON
who died Sep 17th
1805 in his 38 year

Friends and Physicians could not save
My mortal body from the grave
Nor can the grave confine me here
When Christ shall call me to appear

HEZEKIAH NEWTON
died Jan. 6. 1848
aged 92 years.

In Memory of
MRS. ISABELLA
wife of
Mr. Wm H. Newton
who died Aug. 23.*
1841 aged 49

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

In Memory of
MRS. ELIZBEATH OLIVER
Wife of
Mr. David Oliver Cor.
who died
July 24. 1809.
in the 63 year of her age.

The sweet remembrance of the Just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

In Memory of
MRS. ELIZA OLLIPHANT
formerly the wife of
Mr. James Browning
who died
March 12. 1791.
AEt. 84.

MINDWELL
wife of
Abel Parmenter
Died
Jan 21. 1844
AEt. 84.

In Memory of
MR.
WM H. NEWTON
who died
Aug 4. 1834
AEt. 45.

We mourn ye departed friend.

Erected in Memory
of
DAVID OLIVER
Coroner
who died March 3, 1821
aged 74 years.

ABEL PARMENTER
Died
Apr. 12. 1834.
AEt. 78.

In Memory of
ELIZABETH Dau
of Mr. John* and
Mrs. Susannah Phel
ps who died June
27 1743 in the
3 year of her
age

In
Memory of
LIEUT. SIMON PHELPS*
who departed this life
Jan. 6th 1788 in ye
47 year of age.

Behold my friends in me you see
An emblem of what you must be.

ANNA
Relict of
John Powers
died
Nov. 23. 1846.
AE. 89.

Erected by R.P.

PERSIS E.
died Aug. 26th 1855,
aged 20 years.
HARRIET L.
died May 10th, 1831,
aged 11 years
Daughters of Robert
& Dolly Powers.

Weep not for us Parents & Sisters dear
We are not dead but sleeping here.

In Memory of
MISS CLARISSA PUTNAM,
Daut of Mr. Benjamin &
Mrs. Martha Putnam
who died
June 20 1811
AEt. 19

Hers was that hope which is
As an anchor to the soul

In Memory of
MRS. TABITHA PHELPS
Relict of Lieut. Simon Phelps
who died Nov ye 2nd
1791 in ye 50 year
of her age

Death is a debt to Nature due, which I have paid and so must you.

JOHN POWERS
Died
June 23. 1842
AE. 87.

Erected by J.P.

In Memory of
CAPT. BENJAMIN PUTNAM
who died
April 19th 1815.
AEt. 54.

My friends in time of health
Prepare to meet your god

Erected
In Memory of
JOSEPH PUTNAM son of
Capt. Benj. & Mrs. Martha
Putnam who died Jany
25th 1797 aged 7 years.

Joseph liv'd and bloomed awhile
Beneath his tender parents smile
Then unto God resign'd his breath
And sink into the arms of death

In Memory of
ABIGAIL READ
Dautr of Mr. Thos and
Mrs. Lucinda Read
who died Sept. 18th 1800
Aged 6 years and
7 months

In Memory of
ALMIRA READ
Dautr of Mr. Thoss. &
Mrs. Lucinda Read
who died Octr. 12th
1800 aged 3 years
4 months & 19 days

ELIZA READ
Died
Feb. 15. 1854
AEt. 50 yrs. 11 Mos.
& 7 ds.

In Memory of
MR. RUFUS PUTNAM
son of Mr. Benjamin &
Mrs. Martha Putnam
Who died
May 11 1807
Aet 20

In full faith of obtaining
A glorious immortality

In Memory of
ALBERT READ
who died
April 4. 1835
AEt. 19 ye 11 Ms.
& 21 days.

Thy earthly Joys were soon matur'd
To soon the sweets of life were o're
The saints eternal rest secur'd
Thy bosom braves the storm no more.

In Memory of
DANIEL B. READ
son of Mr. Daniel & Mrs. Rebecah Read
who died
Jan. 1. 1815
AE. 2 yrs. and 2 ms.

In Memory of Mrs.
HANNAH READ
Relict of Capt Thomas Read
who died March 10 1803
in the 69 year of her
age.

Friends nor physicians could not save
My mortal body from the grave
Nor can the grave confine me here
When Christ shall bid me to appear

Erected
In Memory of
MR. JASON READ
who died
March 15. 1822.
AEt. 47.

Beneath
this monument
Rests all that was mortal of
COL. JOHN READ
who died July 21st 1798
in the 36th year
of his age.

Th' Almighty from this his throne, on earth surveys
Nought greater, than an honest humble heart.
But this, nor piety unfeign'd, awaits,
Death at the tribute of affection mocks,
Chills the warm heart, remands the spirit home.

Erected
In Memory of
MISS LOISA READ
Daughter of
Mr. Daniel & Mrs. Rebecca Read
who died May 16 1814
AEt. 15 years & 9 months

In Memory of
MR. JOEL READ
son of Capt. Thomas Read
& Mrs. his wife
who was drowned June ye 13th
1783 in the 23d year of
his age.

In Memory of
MR. JONATHAN READ
who Decd Sept. ye 15th
1773 in ye 35th year
of his age.

The loving husband and tender father
Reader behold as you pass by
As you are living so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me

In Memory of
MRS. LUCINDA W.
wife of
Thomas Read
who died
Oct. 4. 1844
AEt. 71.

In Memory of
MRS. LYDIA READ
Consort of Captain John Read
who died Septr 17, 1791 in the
26th year of her age.

Could greatful love recall the fleeting breath
Or fond affection soothe relentless death
Than had this stone ne'er claimed a social tear
Nor read to thoughtless man a lesson here.

In Memory of
MRS. SARAH READ
the Wife of
Mr. Thomas Read. She
Dec.d Febry
ye 16th 1776 in ye 73rd
year of her age.

Sacred to the Memory
of
CAPT. THOMAS READ
who died
September 12th 1788
Aetatis 54.

Behold & see as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

In Memory of
LYDIA WATSON READ
Dau. of Col. John & Mrs.
Mary Read who died
Sept. 1st, 1797 aged
8 months 17 days.

Exchanged the cradle for the grave.

In Memory of THOMAS
READ son of Mr. Thomas
Read Jun. & Mrs. Hannah
his wife born Augst ye
4th 1765. Dec.d
Decemr. ye 17th* 1767.

Memento Mori
My glass is run
In Memory of
MR. THOMAS READ
who died Sep. ye 20th
1788 in ye 84th year
of his age.

Beneath these clods of silent dust
I sleep where all living must
The gayest youth & fairest face
In time must be in this dark place
When ye Arch angel's trump shall call
And from their graves ye dead shall rise
May I with saints imortal all
In triumph soar above ye skies

In Memory of
THOMAS READ
son of Mr. Thos. and
Mrs. Lucinda Read
who died Aug. 29th
1800 aged 1 year
11 months & 15 days.

MRS. ABIGAIL REED
wife of
Dea. Jonas Reed
Born at Newton Oct. 17,
1 7 6 1
Died at Spencer July 2.
1842
in her 82d year.

In
Memory
of
BENJ. H. REED
son
Mr. Jonas Reed Jr.
& Abegail Reed
who died
Decr. 16 1798
aged 4 y. & 6 M.

In Memory of
DANIEL REED
son of Mr. Daniel
& Mrs. Rebecca Reed
who died Nov. 9th 1807
AE. 2 years 2 M. 5 D.

So soon our transient comforts fly,
And pleasures only bloom to die.

In Memory of
MR.
THOMAS READ
who died
Oct. 4. 1835.
AEt. 63.

Here lies the
Body of BENJAMN
REED son of Mr.
Benja & Mrs.
Mary Reed who
Dec.d Augst. 30
1749 Aged 3
years 9 M. 2 Ds.

In Memory of
BETSEY REED
Daughter of
Mr. Jonas & Mrs.
Elisabeth Reed
who died
Janr. 17th 1797—
Aged 12 yrs.

In Memory of
LIEUT. DANIEL REED*
who died March 16. 1816.
in the 42 year
of his age.

How lov'd how valu'd once avails the not
To whom related or by whom begot
A heap of dust alone remains of thee
Tis all thou art and all proud shall be.

Here lies the
Body of EDMUND
REED son of Mr.
Benj. & Mrs. Mary
Reed who Decd
Sept. 10 1749
Aged 1 year
10 M. & 24 D.

Momento Mori

Here lies the Body
of JONAS REED son
of Mr. Jonas Reed
and Mrs. Elisabeth
his wife, who died
October 8th 1756
Aged 5 years 6
months & 21 days

And also ELISABETH
REED, daughter
of Mr. Jonas Reed
& Elisabeth his
wife,* who died
October 6th, 1756
Aged 11 Months
and 27 days

In
Memory of
MRS. ELISABETH REED
wife of
Mr. Jonas Reed Jr.
who died
July 29th 1792
in ye 26t yr
of her age.

In Memory of the
Widow HANNAH
REED Consort of
Mr. Jonathan Reed
late of Rutland Decd
She died July 21st
1782 in ye 37th year
of her age.

JOHN REED 2d
Died
April 2. 1835
AEt. 32.

In Memory of
DEAC. JONAS REED
who died
April 5th 1806
AEt. 84.

Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord.

Memento Mori
In Memory of Mrs.
ELISABETH REED wife of
Deacon Jonas Reed. She—
Decd Sept the 25th
1777 in the 54th
year of her age

The lids she so seldom could close,
By sorrows Forbidden to sleep,
Sealed up in eternal repose,
Have strangely forgotten to weep.

In Memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH
wife of
Mr. Suel Reed
who died
Sep. 14. 1831.
AEt. 46.

DEACON
JONAS REED.
Born
April 21. 1759.
Died June 2. 1839
aged 80 years

He was a distinguished man in town.
having held many important offices,
all of which he discharged with ability and integrity.
Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

Here lies the
Body of MARY
REED Daughtr of
Mr. Benja. & Mrs.
Mary Reed who
Decd Septm. ye 4
A.D. 1749 Aged 5 years
8 M. & 1 D.

In
Memory of
MRS. MARY REED
wife of
Dec. Jonas Reed
& formerly ye
wife of
Capt. Benj. Miles
who died
Febr. 19th 1794
Aged 64 yrs.
& 4 Ms.

In Memory of
SALLY REED
daug of Jonas &
Elizabeth Reed
who died June 7.
1807 AEt. 21 ys.

Youth is no defence against the shaft of death.

In Memory of Mrs.
MARY REED* the Wife
of Benjamin Reed
She decd Augst. ye 4th
1777 in the
60 year of her age.

BENJAMIN REED son to Mr.
Benjamin & Mrs. Mary
Reed. He was slain in
Battle of Bunkers Hill
June ye 17 1775.
in the 26 year
of his age.

In Memory of
RUFUS REED
Son of Mr. Jonas and
Mrs. Eliza. Reed
who died
Dec. 22 1801
Aged 11 years.
12 days

WILLIAM REED
son of
Dea. Jonas & Mrs.
Abigail Reed
Born October 30. 1798
Died Feb. 16. 1840.
aged 41 years

He was modest and unassuming in his deportment, and highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

Jesus my God I know his name
His name was all my trust
Nor will he put my soul to shame
Nor let my hopes be lost.

Here lies the body
of AARON RICE son to
Capt. Aaron Rice*
who died Sept. ye 12th
1766
in the 19th year
of his age.

CHARLOTTE
wife of
Asa Rice
Died Feb. 19. 1855
AEt. 79 years.

Although you sigh as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

In Memory of
MR. DAVID RICE
who died
April 22. 1801
In the 84th year
of his age

In Memory of
ELLEN F. RICE
Daughter of
Mr. Dwight A. &
Mrs. Emily F. Rice
who died
August 30. 1831.
aged 1 year
11 months.

ASA RICE
Died
Aug. 28. 1856
AEt. 80.

CHARLOTTE S.
Dau. of
D. A. & E. F. Rice
died
June 16. 1859.
AE. 22.

A loved bright hope hath faded now
A cherished one hath passed away
Along the unseen shores of time
As sits the golden star of day.

Here lies Buried
ye Body of Cap.
EDWARD RICE,*
who died Sept.
27th 1756 in
ye 67 year of
his age.

HENRY H.
died Aug 12. 1841.
aged 1 yr. & 23 ds.
MARY ANN
died Oct. 7. 1841.
aged 9 yr. 3 m. 1 d.—
Children of Dwight A.
& Emily F. Rice.

I take these little lambs said He
And lay them in my breast
Protection they shall find in me
In me be ever blessed.

In Memory of
ISAAC S. RICE
son of
Mr. Asa &
Mrs. Charlotte Rice
who died
June 26. 1827.
aged 18 years.

One fatal shot not soon forgot
That hurl'd him to the Tomb.

Here lies Buried
ye Body of MAR-
THA RICE Daugh.
of Mr. Edward &
Rachel Rice
who died Sep;
19 1756 in ye
16 year of
her age.

In Memory of
ALBERT H. RUGGLES
eldest son of Mr.
Brigham & Mrs. Abi
gail Ruggles who
died Jan 2. 1818
AEt. 3 years 2 m. & 24 d.

Even so it is not the will of your
Father which is in Heaven that
One of these little ones should perish.

In Memory of
MEHETABEL LINCOLN
RUSSELL daughter of
Doct. Absalom &
Mrs. Sarah Russell who
died at Rutland Sept. 10.
1800 Aged 10 years 1 m
& 21 days.

In
Memory of
MR. JOHN RICE
who died
July 10 1820.
AEt. 74.
Also MRS. LYDIA
Relict of Mr. John Rice
died March 21. 1825.
AEt. 71.

Behold the spirit of the Just,
Ascend to God on high;
And though the body sleeps in dust
The soul shall never die.

In Memory of
ABIGAIL wife of Brigham
RUGGLES who died Decr.
22. 1827. AE. 37.
Also an Infant died July 2nd
1827.

Departed worth.

CAPT.
TIMOTHY RUGGLES*
died Aug. 14. 1810.
aged 66 years.
JUDITH RUGGLES
died January 25. 1838.
aged 93 years & 9 mo.
SAMUEL RUGGLES
died Nov. 21. 1786.
aged 1 year & 9 months.
THOMAS RUGGLES
died Oct. 3. 1791.
aged 1 year & 10 months.
JONATHAN RUGGLES
died Sept. 28. 1807.
aged 25 years & 3 months.
TIMOTHY RUGGLES
died July 5. 1825.
aged 40 years & 4 months.

(On one stone.)

In Memory of
MRS. SARAH RUSSELL
wife of
Doct. Absalom Russell
late of Paxton deceas'd
who departed this life
for a better Dec. 19th, 1801
in the 42 year
of her age.

In Memory of Mr.
DANIEL SANDERS
who died Feb. 25th
1805 AEt. 84

In memory of
MEHETABEL Dau
of Daniel Sanders
and Sarah his wife
Decd Aug 30
1756 Aged 2 ys
5 months 25
days

In Memory of
ZILLAH Daur of Mr.
Daniel Sanders &
Sarah his Wife
died Sept 11th 1756
Aged 1 year 7 mo.
& 13 days.

Erected
In memory of
Mr.
NATHANIEL SAWYER
who died Aug. 26. 1851.
aged 87 years
Mrs.
BETSEY SAWYER
his wife
who died Sept. 2. 1851.
aged 81 years.

Their flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpets Joyful sound
Then burst the bonds in glad surprise
And in their Saviour's image rise.

Here lies Burried
the Body of Mrs
MEHETABEL SANDERS
Wife of Mr. Daniel
Sanders* who departed
this life Janry 27th
1746 in ye 25
year of her age

In memory of Mrs.
SARAH SANDERS
Wife of Mr. Daniel
Sanders who died
Aug 30th 1792 aged
75 years

Here Lyes interrd
the remains of
MARY once wife
of Mr. Edward
Savage* who died
February 10th 1767
in the 60th
year of her age.

In
Memory of
MRS.
CLARISSA SKINNER
wife of
Mr. Silas Skinner
and Daughter of
Major Silas and Mrs.
Anna Furbush
who died
Aug. 30. 1825.
AEt. 22.

The sweet remembrance of the Just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

In memory of Mr.
WILLIAM SMITH
Who Decd Augst
ye 9th 1770 in
ye 78 year of
His age.

In Memory of
MRS. LOVINA
Wife of Mr.
Silas Skinner and
Daughter of Mr.
Alpheus & Mrs.
Lucy Stratton
who died March 29.
1833 AEt. 32.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust

Here lyes the
Body of MR. MATTW
SLARROW who died
April 12th 1767.
aged 78 years.

In memory of MRS.
AGNES SMITH* daughtr
to Mr. James & Mrs.
Margret Smith She
Departed this life
April the 27th 1777
in the 21st year of
Her age

In Memory of
MRS. BETSY
wife of
Capt. James Smith
who died
Aug 12. 1837.
AEt. 46.

MR. SILAS SKINNER
died Apr. 11 1838
aged 44 years
MARY
Daughter of
Silas & Lovina Skinner
died July 24 1836
aged 7 years.

Here lyes the
Body of MARY
wife of Mr.
Mathew
Slarrow who
died July 17th
1761 aged 77.

In Memory of
MRS. BETSEY
wife of Mr. William Smith
who died
May 8 1829.
AEt. 66.

FRINK SMITH
died
June 13 1888
AE 84 yrs
at rest

In memory of MRS.
MARY SMITH
Wife of Mr. William
Smith. She Decd
March ye 23d 1760
in ye 82 year of
Her age.

In Memory of
LIEUT. GEORGE SMITH
who died
March 30 1799.
in ye 73 yr.
of his age

Jesus, and when shall that dear day
That Joyful hour appear;
When I shall leave this house of clay,
To dwell amongst 'em there?

In memory of
CAPT.
JAMES SMITH
who died
Aug. 7. 1827.
AEt. 39.

In
Memory of
MRS. SALLY SMITH
wife of
Mr. Lockert Smith
who died
May ye 6th 1793
in ye 27 yr.
of her age.

Great God I owe the sentence just
And nature must decay
I yield my body to the dust
To dwell with fellow clay

Erected in memory of
MR. JAMES SMITH who died
April 23d 1787 in the 63d
year of his age

The just behold with sweet delight
The Blised three in one
And strong affection fix their sight
On God's incarnet Son.

In
Memory of
LUCY SMITH
Daughter of
Mr. Lockert &
Mrs. Sally Smith*
who died
July 14. 1793.
in ye 2 yr
of her age.

In Memory of Mr.
WILLIAM SMITH Who
Decd Sept. ye 15th
1772 in the
52 year of
his age.

MISS ASENATH B SNOW
died November 6. 1838.
in the 22 year of her age

The months of afflictions are o'er
The days and the nights of distress
We see her in anguish no more
She's gained her happy release

DANIEL STONE son
of Mr. Simeon Stone
& Mrs. Hannah Stone
his wife died Aug 9th
1754
aged 6 years
5 Mo. & 16 Ds.

Here lies Buried ye
Body of MRS. ELIZABETH
STONE Wife of Mr. John
Stone who decd May
the 21th A.D. 1751
in ye 38 year of her age.
With 2 of their Childrn at
Her left hand. 1st Dorcas Stone
who Decd. Decemr 22d
A.D. 1747 aged 2 years 7
M. & 12 D. 2 a son still
born May 19. 1751.

In Memory of Mr.
WILLIAM SMITH
who died July 7th
1804 AEt. 56 years.

In memory of Mrs.
ABIGAIL STONE Dau
ghter to John Stone
Esq. & Mrs. Elisabeth
his wife. who Decd
Feb. 15. 1755 in the
21 year of her age.

In memory of
DANIEL STONE
who died Jan. 28th 1796
in the 8 year of his age.
Also CLARK STONE
who died June 8th 1793
AEt. 9 months Sons of Mr. Jonas
Stone & Mrs. Lydia his wife.

Erected
In memory of
MRS. EUNICE STONE
wife of Lieut. Elijah
Stone who died
Sept. 20th 1811.
in the 60 year of
her age.

In memory of
HANNAH Daught of
Mr. John & Mrs.
Lucy Stone who
Decd April 4th
1776 Aged
3 years 11 months
& 15 Days.

Sacred to the memory of
HARVEY STONE
who departed this life
Dec. 17. 1846.
Aged 59 years.
Sweet is the memory of the just
When they are laid in the dust

In memory of
HEZEKIAH FLETCHER STONE
who died March 20. 1854
age 85.

In Memory of
JOHN STONE Esqr. Who
Decd October ye 11th 1776
in the 74th year of his age.
A kind husband &
Tender Father.
The memory of the just is blessed.

Erected
In memory of
MRS. HANNAH STONE,
Relict of Mr. Simeon
Stone, who died
March 24th 1801
in the 81st year
of her age.

In Memory of
HEZEKIAH son of
Mr. John & Mrs.
Lucy Stone who
Decd May 16th
1761 aged 4
years 9 months &
3 Days.
JEDUTHAN STONE
died March 8, 1829;
aged 80.
ELIZABETH
Widow of
Jeduthan Stone
died Oct. 8, 1839;
aged 85.
PATTY STONE
their daughter
died Feb. 20. 1846;
aged 66.

Erected to the memory
of
CAPT. JOHN STONE
who died
July 30 AD 1819 AE.
87.
He was a good man.

In memory of
JUSTIS son of
Daniel & Anna
STONE
who died July 20
aged 2 years
& 4 months.

Erected to the memory
of
MRS. LUCY STONE
Relict
of Capt. John Stone
who died
Jan 31 A.D. 1824 AE 89.
She was a virtuous woman.

Erected in memory of
MR. SIMEON * STONE
who departed this life
May 12th 1785 in the
66th year of his age

STEVEN STONE
Died
June 9th
1745

LUCY STONE Dau.
of Mr. Simeon Stone
& Mrs. Hannah his
Wife Died Sept 16th
1756
aged 2 years & 29 Ds.

In memory of Lieut.
SAMUEL STONE who
Decd Decemr. 10th
1775 in the 40th
year of his age.

A kind husband and tender parent.

Reader behold as you pass by
As you are living so was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

In memory of
SUSANNA Daught. of Mr.
John & Mrs. Lucy Sto
-ne who Decd May
ye 12th 1767 aged
1 year 6 months
& 12 Days.

In memory of
SUSANNA Daughtr to
Mr. John & Mrs. Lucy
Stone who Decd
Apr. 15th 1776 Aged
1 year 4 months
& 18 days.

Sacred
to the memory of
MR.
ELISHA SUMNER
who died April 1, 1839;

After a long and painful
confinement, which he bore with
patient resignation to the will of God
aged 78 years.

Sacred
To the memory of
MRS.
NANCY
Relict of
Elisha Sumner
who died
Nov. 6 1848
AEt. 82.

Blessed are the pure in heart
for they shall see God.

In memory of
MRS. GRACE
wife of
Joseph Tidd
who died
Aug 9, 1840
AEt. 98.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

In memory of
MR.
ALPHEAS STRATTON
who died
Nov. 9. 1827.
AEt. 58

In memory of
NANCY SUMNER
who died
August 27. 1820.
aged 33.

Also
ELEANOR SUMNER
who died
Nov. 30, 1817.
aged 13

Memento Mori
Erected
In memory of Mrs.
SUSANNAH SWEETSER
formerly wife of Docr. Hez.
Fletcher who departed this life
May ye 1st 1790.
Aged 81 years &
6 Days.

Erected
In memory of
MRS. BULAH WALKER
Relict of Capt. Phinehas
Walker who died
May 4. 1809.
In the 86 year of
her age.

The sweet remembrance of the Just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

Memento Mors
Erected
In memory of Capt.
PHINEHAS WALKER
who departed this life
Octr. 16th 1792.
In the 71st year of
his age.

O ye whose cheek the tear of pitty stains
Draw near with pious revrence and attend
Here lie the loving husbands dear remains
The tender Father, and the generous friend.

In memory of
MRS. PIRCES WARNER
wife of
Mr. Thomas Wilder
Warner who died
Oct. 31. 1802 AE. 26

Also an infant child of the above
named persons
Give joy or grief give ease or pain
Take life and friend away
But let me find them all again
In the eternal day.

Erected
In memory of
Docr. REUBEN WALKER
of Princeton
who after a Short, but
useful and Examplery
Life died greatly lamented
Novr. 30th 1797.
In the 31st year of his
age.

In memory of
MRS. THANKFUL
Wife of Mr. John
Watson who died
June 21st 1769 Aged
31 years.

MRS. SARAH WEDLAND
who was born in Boston
A.D. 1727 and died Febry
—ye 2d A.D. 1776.

Hear what the voice from heav'n proclaims
For all the pious dead
Sweet is the Savior of their names
And soft their sleeping bed

In memory of 3
Children of Mr. Abraham
& Mrs. Jemima Wheeler
ABIGAIL died Aug. 5th
1784 in ye 9th year of her age.

SILAS died May 29th 1785
in ye 7 year of his age.
Also a son which was
Still born April 2d 1788.

A Soldier of
the Revolution
ISAAC WHEELER
Died
April 22. 1817.
AE. 82 ys.
ELIZABETH
His wife
Died Dec 22. 1813.
AE. 70 ys.

Erected by Eli W. Holbrook,
West Boylston

In memory of
MISS
EUSEBIA WETHERBEE
who died
April 8. 1833
AEt. 43.

In memory of Mr.
ISAAC WHEELER
who departed
this life Sept. ye 22d
1769 in ye 72d year of his Age.

In memory of
MR. JACOB WHEELER
who departed this life
May ye 30th
1773 in ye 25th
year of
his age.

Erected
In memory of Mrs.
JEMINA WHEELER
wife of Mr. Abraham
Wheeler who died
Decr 2d 1802 in the
57th year of her age.

Thou dear departed soul adieu,
Thy lifeless clay must here remain
Till Christ this body shall renue
. . . with joy shall meet again.

MOSES HAZEN WHITE
son of William White
Born in Boston
Nov. 8th 1778.
Died in Rutland.
June 6. 1829.
ISABELLA His Wife
Daughter of
John Frink M. D.
Born Nov. 9. 1786.
Died Nov. 9. 1810.

In Thee O Lord have we put our trust
Truly our hope is ever in Thee

Erected
In memory of
NATHL HAZEN WHITE Esq.
who departed this life
Dec 25. 1804.
AEt. 30.

An honest man's the noblest work of God

In
Memory of
MRS.
SUBMIT WHEELER
Wife of Mr. John Wheeler
who died
May 1. 1822
AEt. 30.

Why should we mourn, perhaps you may say
Since God has thought it best,
To take her soul from hence away
To its eternal rest.

In memory of
NATHL H. WHITE
son of
Nathl H. White Esqr.
& Mrs. Charlotte
his wife
who died May 10. 1805.
aged 9 months.

Man cometh forth like a flower
and is cut down.

ELLEN FLINT
only child of
Harvey and Mary G
F Wilson
died Oct 13 1838
Aged 1 year
and 13 days

Erected
in memory of
JAMES WOOD
son of
Lt. Joseph Wood &
Mrs. Dolly His wife
Who died
Aug 3 1804

In memory of MRS. MARTHA
WOOD Wife of Mr. Joseph
Wood who died Feb. 4th
1800 in the 29th year of
her age.

Also, BETSEY WHITING their
daughter died Feb. 17th
1800 aged 13 months
and 5 days and sleeps
by her parents side.

Draw near my friends and take a thought
How soon the grave must be your lot
Make sure of Christ while life remains
And death will be eternal gain.

In memory of
MISS PATTY R.
daughter of Mr. Jos.
& Mrs. Patty R. Wood
who died
April 14 1836
AEt. 29

Why should I set my heart on things below
And let My God, My Saviour go;
I all impious joys resign
And rest on my Saviour all devine.

In
memory of
MR.
JOSEPH WOOD
who died Oct. 5. 1829.
AEt. 58.

Thy dust rests here till Jesus comes
And claims the treasure from the tomb.

Erected
In memory of
MRS. PATTY WOOD
wife of Mr. Joseph Wood
& daughr of John Rice
who died Jan. 12. 1815.
in the 36 year of
her age.

In memory of
MRS. HARRIOT WOODBURY
wife of
Mr. John Woodbury
who died
Oct. 7. 1814.
in the 24 yr
of her age.

Farewell my loving friends below
My Jesus calls and I must go
My Savior's voice I must obey
No mortal joy is worth my stay.

In memory of
MR. SAMUEL WOODBURY,
who died
Jan 15 1828
AEt 80

MARTEN WRIGHT.
son of Mr. James
& Mrs. Patience
Wright Died
Augst 10. 1741
Aged 1 year 4
months and 14 ds.

JAMES WRIGHT
son of James &
Patience Wright
died April 8th 1735
Aged 1 year
1 month & 15 days.

THE OLD BURIAL GROUND

The Cemetery was laid out in June 1717. It is part of a ten (10) acre tract reserved for the meeting-house, school and burial ground. The cemetery area itself is approximately five (5) acres, about two-thirds having been used for burial, and originally surrounded by a stone wall with the meeting house on it's southerly side.

The number of interments is unknown as most of the records of the cemetery were either never kept or lost when fire destroyed the meeting house. It is presumed that there are many graves unmarked but, at present, there are 371 headstones marking known graves along with two memorial stones and one-hundred and forty-one footstones.

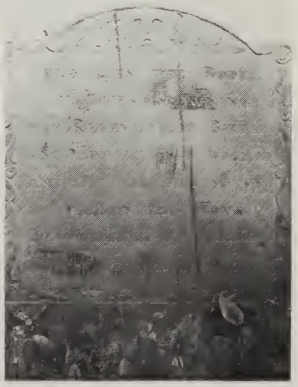
The Old Burial Ground, with the exception of a scattered few family burial plots on individual farms and the formation of West Rutland and Goose-Hill Cemeteries (both community burial grounds), was the principal cemetery up to 1842. After the establishment of Rural Cemetery in 1842 most burials, from that date on, were in Rural rather than the Old Burial Ground.

Some of the headstones are of white marble and a few made from field stone but the majority are of either blue, grey or green slate. Many of the stones have epitaphs and/or symbols of the period denoting, death, resurection or individuality, etc. Many of these headstones are products of the early stone carvers, some identified and others who's carver is unknown.

Known among the burials within the cemetery are 2 (two) Veterans of the French-Indian War, 32 (thirty-two) Veterans of the Revolution, 10 (ten) members of the Militia, the first 5 (five) settled Ministers of the Church in Rutland, 1 (one) State Senator, 7 (seven) Representatives in the General Court, 7 (seven) Justices of the Peace, 7 (seven) Deacons of the Church, 2 (two) members of the Constitutional Convention, 1 (one) Justice of the Court Sessions, 2 (two) members of the General Court prior to 1755, 5 (five) Medical Doctors and others who served the Townsfolks in various positions either political or social. There are possibly others in the above categories buried within the cemetery but records or marked graves to substantiate their names have not been found.

The toll of the ravages of time, vandalism or neglect is evident but there still remains records of the struggles, beliefs, discouragements and successes of the early settlers of Rutland which should be preserved.

TRUSTRUM BROWNING'S headstone with skull & crossbones



A skull winged soul effigy

AGNES CRAWFORD'S
headstone with a
simple soul effigy

SAMUEL COWDIN'S
stone with a
simple winged soul
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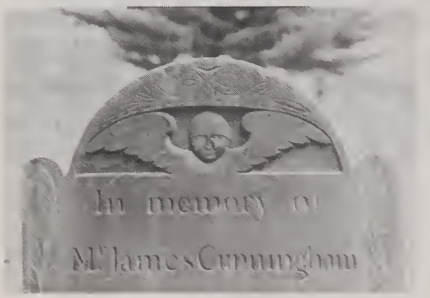


JAMES CUNNINGHAM'S
stone with a winged
soul effigy

The portrait soul
effigy of ROBERT
MURRAY'S headstone

SAMUEL BROWNING'S
stone

TABITHA PHELPS
portrait effigy

SYMBOLISM

Gravestone symbolism in America can be traced back to about 1630 and continue well into the 19th century. These designs were adopted to extend a message to the viewer emphasizing life, death, religious belief and/or biblical teachings. Through symbols the gravestone message could be extended to the uneducated and illiterate as well as to the learned. Social and religious changes during this period changed the design used but the basic message remained the same. Examples of these symbols; from the early winged skull and crossbones to a simple death-head, or from a winged soul effigy to a portrait soul effigy, or, finally, to the beautiful willow and urn of the 19th century; will be found within this cemetery.

The winged skull and crossbones found on Trustrum Browning's stone and the skull winged soul effigy found on Simon Davis', Marten Wright's, Nathan Coller's stones, as well as others, clearly denotes, in a gruesom manner, the certainty of death and the resurrection of the soul. These were common symbols used in the 17th and early 18th century. The simple soul effigy found of Agnes Crawford's stone; the simple winged soul effigy found on Samuel Cowdin's stone; the winged soul effigy found on James Cunningham's stone (a cheerful cherub replacing the skull); or the portrait winged soul effigy found on Robert Murray's and John Murray's or Simeon Stone's headstones are all examples of the design changed during the 18th century. The designs are still symbolic of the soul and it's resurrection after death.

As Puritanism and Religious Symbolism disappeared, moreso after 1775, the soul effigy was replaced by a portrait effigy, symbolic to the individual's station in life. Lt. Samuel Browning's portrait effigy in his military tunic; Rev. Joseph Buckminster's portrait effigy in his ministerial garb; Elizabeth Reed and Tabatha Phelps' portrait effigy of a woman or housewife are all good examples of design changes in the latter part of the 18th century and each symbolic to an individual's station in life.

In the early part of the 19th century, about 1815, the Willow and Urn became the popular gravestone design replacing all previous designs and symbolic references. The willow suggests the mourning for the departed by friends and family left behind. The urn suggests it contains the remains of the departed. Another symbolically, the willow suggests everlasting life. The urn suggests it contains the remains of the departed and in death locks up the secrets of the future as well as the past. The willow and urn found of Albert Read's stone and Nancy Summer's stone are just two of many examples of this design. The willow and urn was used until about 1860 after which symbolism all but disappeared. During this period many beautiful and more elaborate stones were carved.

ALBERT READ'S
headstone with
the willow and urn

MATERIAL TYPES

Four types of material were commonly used from 1630 to about 1900 for gravestones: Field Stone, Slate, Sandstone and White Marble.

Fieldstone was the first type of material used for gravestones. It was very hard material and difficult to shape or letter. As the farmer cleared the land and by chance found a stone suitable for a gravestone he would lay it aside. This stone would be saved for his own gravestone or a gravemarker for a family member, neighbor or friend.

Some of these gravestones were carved by a stone carver but in most cases they were shaped and engraved by a family member of friend of the deceased. Many of these were crudely carved, had a little or no shape or form, were poorly planned, incorrectly spelled, and were very simple. Many stones were unmarked and others just had the name and the date of death of the deceased on it.

The primary use of the Field Stone Gravestone was to make certain the grave was marked so it would not become lost or forgotten. The shape, lettering, poor spelling, etc. was immaterial to the family of the deceased. The occasional use of field stone for grave markers will be found up through the 18th century.

Seven field stone headstones are found in this cemetery but, again, due to the difficulty of being able to carve deeply in the material, they cannot be easily deciphered. The weather and time has all but obliterated the lettering.

The double field stone found on William and Mary Smith's grave suggests that it was a suitable stone found on their farm, shaped, lettered and used for their gravestone.

The field stones marking Jeremiah Man's grave and William Martin Jr's grave were common field stone and suggests they were carved by either a friend or a family member and placed so the grave

would not go unmarked. Both stones are without shape, crudely planned, with poor spelling and certainly not carved by a stone carver. Here again the primary purpose of the field stone headstone, the marking of a grave, has been met.

The remaining four field stone grave markers, Micah Moore's, Thomas Read's, Aaron Rice's and Steven Stone's markers, would fall in one or both of the preceeding categories.

A group of field stone markers

Slate was found to be softer and easier to shape and engrave. It was in abundant supply around Boston and was introduced as gravestone material about 1660 and commonly used from that time to well into the 19th century. During this period many elaborate and beautiful stones were carved. Many of these stones, because of the use of a good grade of slate, are in near perfect condition today, resisting the ravages of time and weather for over 200 years.

There are 322 slate headstones, in various state of condition, in this cemetery. The headstones of Hannah Brown, Peter Davis, Nathaniel Hazen White, Bulah Walker, and David Rice are but a few of many of the slate stones with elaborate and beautiful engragings, deep lettering, the use of good material and perfection of the stone carver.

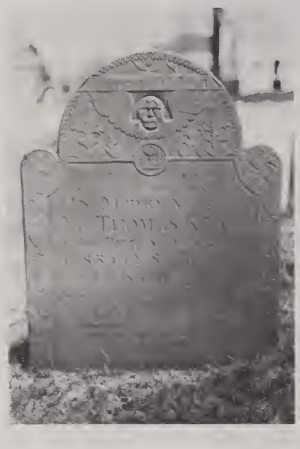
James Browning's headstone is made from a blue slate found in Harvard, Mass. and not commonly used in this area. This material made a beautiful and long lasting headstone.

William Young, the local stonecarver from Tatnuck Square, and the Soule Family, itinerant carvers from Plympton, used a poor slate material called schist. This material was found in abundance in Worcester and, because of this was used locally during the 18th century. Many stones carved by these carvers can be found in the cemetery. Due to the use of this poor material many beautifully carved headstones are now in irreparable condition.

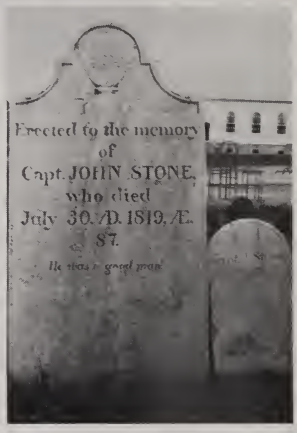
Schist chips and scales very easily and does not stand exposure to climatic changes. Cracking and separating, the stone starts to deteriorate over the years and in most cases becomes impossible to read.

The gravestones of Elizabeth Buckminster, Aaron Crawford, Patrick Gregory, Lucy Stone, Susanna Stone, Samuel Cowdin, Agnes Crawford, Samuel Crawford and James Smith are but a few of the stones found in this cemetery that are made from Schist.

A green slate found in the Sterling, Mass. area and widely used by Samuel Kimball, a 19th century local stone carver, was another type of slate used in the 19th century. This green slate was a good material for gravestones and some of the stones carved by Samuel Kimball during the early 19th century are in near perfect condition today. The headstones of Jonas How, Nabby Browning, Sarah Browning and Joshua Goodele are a few examples of the use of green slate by Samuel Kimball and found in this cemetery.



THOMAS READ'S
slate stone



White marble
marker of
JOHN STONE

White marble was discovered in Vermont about 1835. It being a softer material, is easier to shape and engrave, soon replaced the sturdier and harder slate for gravestone material. It was used extensively, in New England, from the middle of the 19th century up to the 20th century. Granite replaced white marble about 1900 as the common material used for gravestones but white marble is still in use today in many instances.

From white marble came headstones with raised motifs, raised lettering, statues, figurines, and other images. The headstone of Capt. John Stone is typical of this type.

The demand for gravestones increased during the 19th century and the stonecarving occupation became commercialized. In doing so it may be said that the white marble gravestones were the first type used commercially. Plain with simple lettering, little or no symbols, square shape and all about the same height and thickness, this type of stone became very common during the latter 19th century.

There are 39 white marble stones in this cemetery. It is a simple, commercial type, without symbol or decoration, a plain and deeply carved stone. It has been discovered that when white marble is exposed to the elements of the weather it soon starts to deteriorate and over the years the raised lettering, or the face of the stone, or the motif will soon disappear and the lettering becomes illegible.

Granite became the common material for gravestones in the 20th century and still is the most common type used today. It's durability as compared to slate, sandstone and white marble is remarkable. There are only two stones in this cemetery of grey granite. Those are the two memorial stones placed in the cemetery in 1976.

THE STONE CARVER

Many of the stones within this cemetery were carved by unknown stone-carvers but the works of three stone-carvers of the 18th century can be identified: William Young of Worcester, known as the thistle carver of Tatnuck, Ebenezer and Coomer Soule, itinerants from Plympton, Mass. and Jonathan and Moses Worcester of Harvard, Mass.

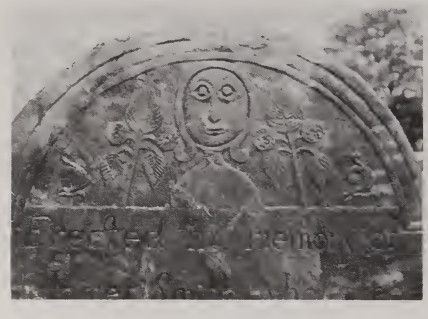
WILLIAM YOUNG

Born in Ireland and came to this country at the age of seven and settled in Worcester with his family. William's father purchased a piece of land and built a home on it, although enlarged when William acquired a family of his own, it still stands today on Mill Street in Worcester.

William was a farmer, Town Surveyor, a maker of early plans and maps of Worcester, Justice of the Peace, and Moderator for many years at Town Meetings as well as being a carver of gravestones.

It is believed that he never received any training or never was an apprentice to a stone carver. The symbols he used to decorate his stones were inspired from people and the flowers and the birds from the Tatnuck area where he lived. One of his characteristics was the use of the thistle and from this he became known as the Thistle Carver of Tatnuck. His soul effigys suggest, in their face, the Irish type, his neighbors. The birds he carved on Agnes Crawford's stone may be the honey birds he heard about in fairy tales as a youngster or possibly the doves he saw in is own backyard.

He started carving about 1740 and his last stone was done in 1791. He used poor material, a schist, possibly, from a local Worcester quarry. Due to the use of this schist many of his stones are in poor condition today. His earliest stones had a simple death head or soul effigy, in most cases without wings, and with a simple scroll border. The men having a wig and the women having a close fitting Puritan bonnet.



JAMES SMITH
stone with thistles
and simple effigy

Winged soul effigy
of SAMUEL COWDIN'S
stone

AGNES CRAWFORD'S
stone

About 1766 he started to use the thistle, tulip and other flowers to adorn his stones.

He lived most of his life in Worcester, where he died in 1795 and is buried in the Old Burial Ground on the Worcester common. His grave, much to our surprise, was never marked with a stone.

He was the only resident 18th century gravestone carver in and around Worcester and his works will only be found locally.

Agnes Crawford's stone, with birds on the shoulder of the soul effigy, is one of his most popular and well know stones. This stone was

photographed and written about in books such as "American Heritage" August 1970; "Early American Gravestone Art in Photographs" by Francis Duval & Ivan Rigby; and others.

Samuel Cowdin's stone is one of William Young's few stones that he carved with a winged soul effigy as most of his stones were carved with just a plain soul effigy.

Some of the other stones carved by William Young and found in the cemetery are the gravestones of James Smith, Mathew Slarrow, Mary Slarrow, Silas Church, Samuel Crawford, John McIntier, Elizabeth Phelps and Mary Savage. These are some listed at random but others will also be found in this cemetery.

THE SOULE FAMILY

The Soule family were stone carvers living in Plympton, Massachusetts. Ebenezer, son of Benjamin and Sarah Soule, was born in Plympton in 1710. He married Susanna Cooner. He died in 1792 in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, where he is buried. His sons, Beza, Ebenezer and Cooner were also stone carvers and this work was also carried on by younger members of the family. Coomer Soule died in 1777 at Barre, Mass. and is buried there along side his wife Susanna. The Soule carvers worked well into the 19th century. Their works can be found throughout Massachusetts, Northern Connecticut, around Hinsdale, New Hampshire and Brattleboro and Bennington, Vermont. They were a family of itinerant carvers and it is believed that both Ebenezer, the father, and Coomer were in this area for a time and many of their stones will be found in Rutland, Oxford and Barre. It is impossible to distinguish each stone and its carver as they all have the standard Soule family characteristics.

They used a poor grade of slate called schist and due to the use of this material many of their stones are in poor condition today. The embroidered hair style of the soul effigy as found of the headstones of Rebecca Davis, Phinehas Davis, Samuel Stone, Sarah Clap and others in this cemetery is another characteristic of the Soule family. The Soule Family also used a Medusa Hair style of some of the soul effigys as found on Ame Fletcher's stone and on the headstones of Susanna and Hannah Stone. The borders of their stones, in many instances, would have three story flowers topped with a thistle.

The Soules worked in Worcester County approximately between 1760 and 1780. A few of the other stones carved by the Soule family and found in this cemetery are the headstones of Jonas Duncan, Samuel

Estabrook, Silas Estabrook, Mary Fletcher, Rev. Thomas Frink, Elizabeth Heald, Daniel King, Benjamin Miles, Mary Reed, Abigail Stone, and possibly some others.

AME FLETCHER'S
stone with the
medusa hair style

MARY FLETCHER'S
stone with
embroidered hair style

THE WORCESTER FAMILY

Jonathan and Moses Worcester, father and son, were skilled stone carvers from Harvard, Mass. Jonathan carved gravestones from about 1725 until his death in 1754 and his son, Moses, carried on the work until about 1774. Their works will be found primarily in Middlesex County, more expecially in Harvard and Groton. Some of their stones can be found as far west in Worcester County as Rutland.

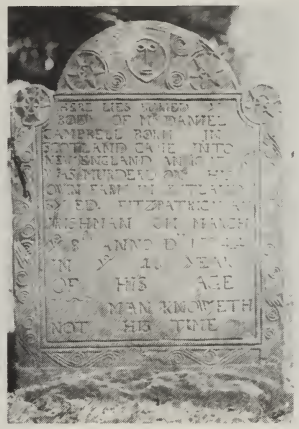
They used a reddish type slate possibly from a Harvard Quarry. As it is a durable material, not subject to deterioration from the elements of the weather, many of their stones are in near perfect condition today.

The symbols on their stones are raised, cut out of the stone and the lettering carved into the stone. The geometric symbols used are a pattern Jonathan inherited from gravestone makers of Essex County. These same symbols and designs have been traced back to England and then to Rome where the same geometric symbols were used over 2,000 years ago.

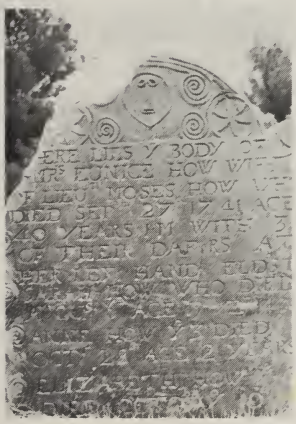
Their stones are rugged, approximately 2 inches thick, with rounded tops. The sides are tapered suggesting the shape of the old type coffin, the pine box used at that time.

The outstanding characteristic of the Worcester family's gravestone carving is the simple death head whose face appears to suggest the shape of an old fashion key. This may be symbolic too: the grave locks up the secrets of the past and unlocks the secrets to the future. Skelton Felton's headstone is an outstanding example of the Worcester Family's headstone carving.

Other headstones carved by the Worcester Family and found in this cemetery are the grave markers for Moses How, Eunice How, Mary Reed, Susanna Mead, Benjamin Reed and possibly others. One of the more interesting and popular stones in the cemetery is Daniel Campell's headstone which was carved by the Worcester family.



DANIEL CAMPBELL'S
stone



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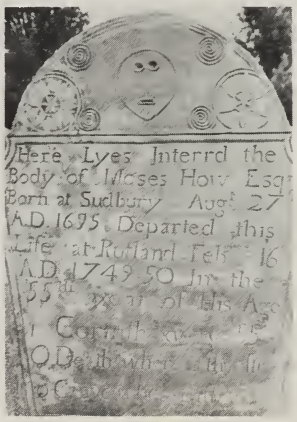


MOSES HOW

MOSES AND EUNICE HOW

They were originally from Sudbury and settled in Rutland, from Brookfield, about 1719. They were the parents of the first male born in Rutland and to honor this distinction the family was given 100 acres of land. Samuel How, first male born in Rutland, was born September 23, 1719. Moses held many town offices and was an officer in the Militia. Moses and Eunice had ten children. Eunice died in 1741 and Moses was

remarried, in 1742 to Hannah Heald. They had one child. Moses died in 1749. Samuel, the first born, lived in Rutland for a few years, was married and had seven children. He entered the Military service in 1755 and again in 1759, serving during the French-Indian War. He later moved to Belchertown where he died and is buried. He died in 1784.

Soul effigy of
Rev. BUCKMINSTER

Rev. JOSEPH
BUCKMINSTER

Rev. Joseph Buckminster was the second settled minister to serve the church in Rutland. He served the church for fifty years as its minister and also served during the Revolutionary War as a member of Cap't Stebbin's Company.

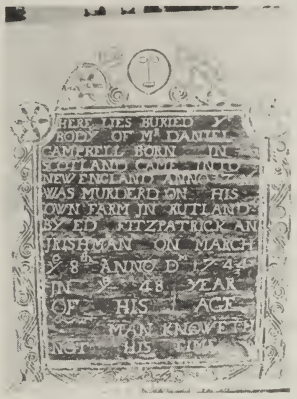
Within this cemetery are buried the first five settled ministers to serve Rutland. It is also believed the Rev. Joseph Willard, the first appointed minister to served but who was killed by the Indians prior to his settlement, is possibly buried in this cemetery.
Rev. Thomas Frink, 1st settled minister, 1727-1740
Rev. Joseph Buckminster, 2nd settled minister, 1742-1792.
Rev. Hezekiah Goodrich, 3rd settled minister, 1793-1812.
Rev. Luke Baldwin Foster, 4th settled minister, 1813-1817.
Rev. Josiah Clarke, 5th settled minister, 1818-1845.

DANIEL CAMPBELL STONE

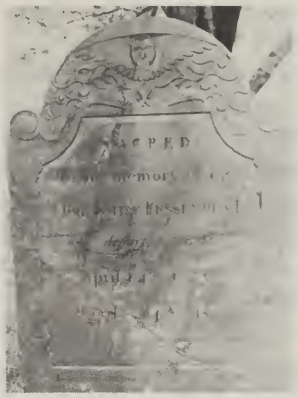
This stone is one of the more popular and interesting stones in the cemetery. The above picture is a photograph of the rubbing of this stone as the stone itself is not in the best of condition.

The story is told that Daniel Campbell was a farmer and had as a hired hand Edward Fitzpatrick. During a heated argument a fight ensued thus causing the death of Daniel Campbell. Edward Fitzpartick was later arrested and brought to trial for the murder of Daniel Campbell. He was found guilty and subsequently hanged for the crime.

It is recorded historically that this was the first murder of a white man by a white man in Worcester County and that the hanging of Edward Fitzpatrick for murder of Daniel Campbell was the first hanging of a white man for murder in Worcester County.



A rubbing of the
DANIEL CAMPBELL stone



JOHN FESSEDEN
stone

JOHN FESSEDEN

He was a member of the State Senate, the only one prior to 1800 from Rutland, and the only one known buried within this cemetery. He was also justice of the peace, a representative in The General Court and on the committee for the Commonwealth to sell confiscated lands. He was active in local and church affairs and a Veteran of the Revolutionary War.

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